

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
MONICA JÖNSSON et al.) Group Art Unit: (unassigned)
Application No.: (unassigned)) Examiner: (unassigned)
Filed: October 5, 2001)
For: PARENTERALLY ADMINISTRABLE)
MICROPARTICLES)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application, filed concurrently herewith, as indicated.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel Claims 43 and 44 without prejudice and substitute the following new Claims 58 and 59:

58. (New) Microparticles suitable for parenteral administration, preferably via injection, to a mammal, especially a human being, and containing a biologically active substance, which microparticles essentially consist of parenterally administrable, biodegradable starch as a matrix, which contains the biologically active substance in essentially non-chemically complex-bonded form and in the form of solid particles having a mean size within the range of 0.05-30 μm in which the starch is of the kind defined in claim 6.